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New CEO a bright light at the library

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County Life Editor

Andrea Brown, Haliburton County Public Library's new CEO, stands outside the Dysart branch. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Haliburton County Public Library's leadership was recently put in the capable hands of Andrea Brown, a new local to Haliburton whose passion for providing support to the community through the library's services shines through her warm personality.

She loves the county and wants to see it thrive, using 20 years of experience to get there.

"I want the library to be a place where everyone feels welcome and belongs," Brown said. "The public library is free, and we know a lot of people in Haliburton are struggling financially right now for all sorts of different reasons. We have a seasonal population with a lot more economic resources, but a lot of people that live here year-round really benefit from the types of programs and collections that we have at the library."

After working in libraries across the country for two decades, it's no surprise she was hired in 2021 as program and outreach coordinator.

Her role quickly turned into the public services manager and deputy CEO, before becoming the full-fledged chief in February.

"It's been very, very, very busy," she laughed. "I've definitely settled in here."

Although she's technically been a Haliburton County resident for a couple of years, she knew the Highlands would become home for much longer.

"My family has a cottage close by. My grandparents' generation bought a piece of land and built four cottages. It still belongs to our family and is the most magical place," Brown said. "I always knew that I eventually wanted to come back to this area and be close to the cottage that I love so much."

Brown attended Trent University in Peterborough for her undergrad.

Working at the Bata Library there during her studies ignited the spark.

"I knew I wanted to devote my life to developing communities that are strong and resilient. I love helping people and of course love reading," she laughed.

Brown then moved out west to earn her Master of Library and Information studies at UBC.

She applied at the Vancouver Public Library and started out shelving books in the children's library.

"I was very lucky and had lots of great learning opportunities there," she said. "I did a lot of really interesting community work, not just in the library but spending time out in the community. I went to food banks, refugee support programs, teen support programs."

She worked as the Early Years assistant coordinator and had the opportunity to help develop a children's book that helps kids and parents with early literacy at home.

"Public libraries everywhere, from coast to coast to coast, have a mandate about sharing information, ideas, and stories. There are many similarities for all in terms of providing access and maintaining intellectual freedom," she said. "That of course applies to HCPL, too."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Brown was flying back to Ontario several times a year to visit family.

"We knew it was just time to come back."

While looking for different places to live with public library job postings, she was thrilled to see Haliburton's name in the mix.

"I always wanted to come back to the forest and the lakes," she said. "Here's it's such a fabulous community. We have so many people who volunteer and contribute, we have a thriving local media which we're so lucky to have."

Although it's a much smaller community than the bustle of Vancouver, Brown said HCPL's programming is just as robust.

"The library has so much to offer everyone. There are so many resources online too," she said. "If you have internet access at home or want to come to the library, we have the Libby app that can be downloaded for free. There are so many magazines available for free."

E Books and Audiobooks are also available through the HCPL website.

"There's lots more than just books in the library. We have so many programs," she said.

Although everyday is busy, Brown looks ahead to the future.

"What I'm most looking forward to is seeing what kind of creative, exciting projects we can come up with together to serve our community and to make it a fun and exciting place to live and be for everyone," she said.

To see everything HCPL has to offer, visit haliburtonlibrary.ca.

"I'm thrilled to work with such a talented team. Every single staff member here has great heart and passion for serving the community. I can't wait to see where that takes us," Brown said.

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Sowing learning seeds

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Ursula Devolin, centre left, from the Rotary Club of Haliburton hands a cheque for $10,000 to Tina Jackson of the Central Food Network in Haliburton. The donation helped to purchase a pallet stacker to unload food from the new cargo van. /SUBMITTED by Tina Jackson

Food van project revolutionizing food distribution

BILL KILPATRICK
County Life Staff

Tina Jackson, the executive director for the Central Food Network in Haliburton, says that by "reframing" her world view from a "scarcity" mindset that focuses on hoarding and protecting resources to an "abundance" mindset focused on sharing and cost sharing, it has made all the difference in the work that she does with local food banks. "When we are meeting with other food banks it's very easy to look at them as competitors for limited resources at this difficult time in food security," said Jackson who pointed out that there has definitely been a shift in donations and as a result many people are expected to do more with less. But, added Jackson, "the more that we can work together, the more that we can do more with less and support each other as we move through this difficult time. […] I really feel that our agency and our volunteers come at this work more from an abundance mindset of just trusting that if we all collectively work better together, we will have a bigger impact and things will show up when we need them. The best example I have of that is our recent purchase of a cargo van," said Jackson. "We thought, 'Oh my goodness, how are we ever going to come up with the money for this?' We moved forward trusting that the community would be there for us, and they were," she said. But like with many stories of this nature there were numerous twists and turns along the way.

The Central Food Network was incorporated in 2015 and brought together the Wilberforce Food Bank, the Cardiff Food Bank, and in 2016 Heat Bank Haliburton joined the network. Jackson explained that they have become a "multiservice organization" that does a lot more than just run a foodbank, but in the early days of the organization things were run like a traditional foodbank, and a big part of that is ensuring that there is enough food to meet the needs of the community. Ken Mott, the co-founder of the Wilberforce Food Bank, started to make connections with other food banks in the area and in some urban settings with the goal of meeting the ever-growing needs of the people the Central Food Network served. "We have very limited resources, being in a rural area," said Jackson, but due to Motts conversations some of the larger food banks began to offer them their surplus food. "When they would get larger corporate donations or donations through our provincial food bank network that they couldn't utilize, they would call him and say 'Hey, can you pick up a couple cases of this and a couple cases of that,'" said Jackson. This led Mott to making multiple trips per week to Peterborough and Lindsay to pick up food, but they did not have a company vehicle so he was using his personal vehicle.

Then in 2020 the Food Network's board of directors decided that they would purchase a vehicle for Mott to do his surplus runs, but they got more than they had bargained for. "We purchased an old beat-up pick-up truck, but it really limited our ability to pick up food based on weather as it was an uncovered pick-up truck," said Jackson, adding that the yearly repairs made it "so expensive to operate." After a couple years of struggling with the pickup truck the board decided that they needed to "up their game" recalled Jackson, "so we launched a capital campaign to purchase a cargo van." It was at this point that Jackson

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Cargo van a game-changer for network

from page 4

and the other board members had to test their abundance mindset and hope that the community would be there for them. The board estimated that it would take about a year to raise the necessary funds, but after just six weeks they had already raised $25,000, "Our community really came through for us," said Jackson.

In conjunction with the fundraising campaign the board also applied for a grant through the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Fund, but they didn't hear anything for some time, and they just assumed that they were not successful, but then the call came that were indeed successful. "Not only were we able to get the van, but we were able to put winter tires on the van too," said Jackson excitedly. The Central Food Network also received generous donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, along with proceeds from Canoe 100.9 FMs radio bingo, and from multiple private donors. In fact, the fundraising was so successful that they we able to purchase a pallet stacker as well. Now they can transport three, and sometimes more, full pallets of excess food donations that Jackson says would other wise go to waste. According to a press release from the Central Food Network, in the last seven months the Food Cargo Van project has transported "an astounding 105,619 lbs of food with an estimated value of $371,779. Additionally, it has facilitated over 40 deliveries to other local food banks, diversifying the food available for all members of the community." One of those beneficiaries is the North Hastings Community Cupboard who, along with the Minden Community Food Bank, often receives the overflow from Gleaners Food Bank in Belleville, who Jackson wants to thank for their ongoing generosity.

Ken Mott, manager of the Highlands East Food hub, shows off the newly purchased cargo van used to transport food to local foodbanks including the North Hastings Community Cupboard. /Submitted by Tina Jackson

Jackson knows that many hands make light work and that none of this would be possible without assistance from the community, volunteers, and other food banks. "I really just have to give credit to our volunteers who absolutely go above and beyond to build relationships, capitalize on opportunities, and who are devoted to just bringing food to people who need it," stated Jackson who specifically centered Mott out as a "super volunteer." She said that not only is he the driver of the cargo van, but he is also the manager of the Highlands East Food Hub, "so, between helping coordinate volunteers to help staff our Wilberforce Food Bank, and making sometimes twice weekly trips to Peterborough, Belleville, and Lindsay, back and forth to Minden, Bancroft, and up until we got the pallet stacker it was literally hand bombing every case of food." Jackson also mentioned that Mott makes the most out of every trip, by cramming as much food as he can into the cargo van. "Every day I'm just really proud of the work that's being done," said Jackson.

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Celebrating community theatre

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

March 27 is World Theatre Day, a chance to celebrate the entertainment and artistry that's presented on stages, formal and informal, the world over.

While we may not know exactly how far back in history the very first play was performed, there can be no doubt that theatre has always been linked to the innate human desire to tell and share stories.

When we look back through Haliburton County's history, accounts of daily hard work in the local lumber camps and mills might jump to the fore, but early settlers also knew that they needed to make time for fun and entertainment.

Issues of the Echo from over a hundred years ago give us glimpses of theatrical performances by local groups, and while some of the titles performed then might not be familiar to us today, they were certainly well-received by audiences of that era. Some of these early shows were held as fundraisers for particular causes, such as in 1882, when the Haliburton Dramatic Association organized a show with funds to benefit Joseph Dummett, a local resident who had been suffering from poor health.

Many other performances, however, seem to have been organized simply for the joy of performing. At that time, there were many different places around the community where shows might take place. For many years, the upper floor of Dysart's Town Hall

DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

was a popular performance venue, while the Stewart family's Newnham estate, on the site of today's high school, also boasted a performing arts pavilion.

In the intervening decades, venues and titles may have changed, but the interest in community theatre in the Haliburton Highlands has just continued to grow, with a wide range of groups now presenting shows in a variety of genres.

Community theatre is filled with a special kind of people – people who will hunt tirelessly for just the right prop or sound effect, commit pages and pages of dialogue to memory, perfect lightning fast costume changes, and, of course, devote hours of preparation to bringing characters and stories to life, ready to share them with an audience.

One of the most magical aspects of live theatre is that it brings us all - performers and audience - into the moment. Unlike many other types of entertainment, we can't pause or rewind it, which reminds us to put our distractions, electronic and otherwise, aside as the lights dim and to allow ourselves to be fully present in another world for a couple of hours.

This April, I'd like to invite you to visit Little Paddocks, the home of Letitia Blacklock, in the village of Chipping Cleghorn, where a mysterious and disturbing announcement has appeared in the local newspaper.

Highlands Little Theatre will be presenting Agatha Christie's *A Murder Is Announced*, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Ap. 3, 4 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Apr. 6 at 2 p.m. Filled with intriguing (and dare I say, quirky) characters, red herrings, secrets and, of course, murder, it's a mystery/comedy you don't want to miss!

Tickets are on sale at Up River Trading in both Haliburton and Minden for just $25. Miss Jane Marple and Inspector Craddock are both on the case, but who will solve it first? Join us for a performance and find out!

Top 10 reasons why Egyptians built pyramids

VERY FEW people on this planet are unaware of the Great Pyramids of Egypt. They were, and continue to be, a monumental achievement in building and architecture. But there will always be a mystery surrounding why the pharaohs chose to build them and why they chose that design? Here are my top 10 reasons that answer those questions.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. It was part of a conscious effort to been known as pyramiders rather than Sphinxters.
2. Originally, each face was supposed to be 4-sided, but they decided to cut back on costs by 25 percent.
3. They wanted to make a structure that would hold the least pigeons on the top level.
4. Early Egyptians did not know the meaning of low-key and understated.
5. The pharaohs were huge fans of big, pointy things.
6. Someone said, "Hey, why don't we just pile all these blocks here?"
7. They got caught up in the whole "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" hype.
8. With this design, a janitor never has to get up on the roof to throw a kid's ball down.
9. The original design had the pointy side down, but the builders held the drawing upside down.
10. The early Egyptians were sick and tired of being known only for their awesome grape leaves and hummus.

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Up towards the sun's advice
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It's decided: dawn blooms warm
Different from the shattered greetings
Makes more hopeful sky-earth meetings
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It's decided: breeze stays mild
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Boots in cupboard, shoes are talking
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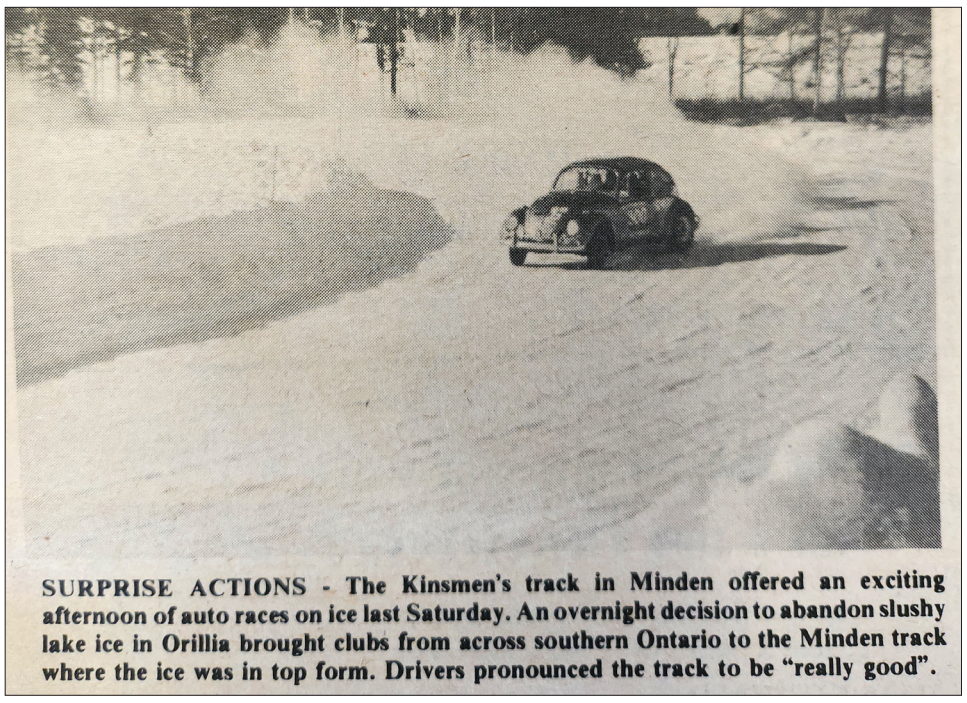
By Deborah J Reed

Minden Kin Club's 2024 Ice Races recap

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff



SURPRISE ACTIONS - The Kinsmen's track in Minden offered an exciting afternoon of auto races on ice last Saturday. An overnight decision to abandon slushy lake ice in Orillia brought clubs from across southern Ontario to the Minden track where the ice was in top form. Drivers pronounced the track to be "really good".

A photo of the ice races from a 1979 edition of *Minden Times.* /File

Typically, the ice races that take place in Minden last for six weeks. The ice racing season starts at the end of January and finishes around the first week of March. This year, bare grass can be seen at the Minden Fairgrounds instead of a glassy smooth ice racing track.

"I was down around Peterborough when I first heard about it. I was with the Kinsmen club," says Tom Prentice, Kin Club lifetime member.

"I proposed we could bring it to Minden for the Winter Carnival."

In the winter of 1977, the first ice race happened in Minden. Primarily, ice racing took place on frozen lakes around Ontario. The Canadian Automobile Sports Club decided to make Minden Fairgrounds the home of ice racing in Ontario.

Prentice has helped build the ice racing track since 1977 and has raced in the ice races up until this year.

"It was down by two weekends. We got four of the six weekends," says Prentice. "The number of drivers this year was down."

Due to the weather interfering with the ice, driver's were forced to change their tires. Less aggressive studs were made mandatory to preserve the ice racing track. Several drivers were unable to participate in the racing season this year due to the high cost of buying new tires, says Prentice.

For some races, people simply didn't get their cars ready due to the unpredictability of the winter. Several automobile racing clubs from across Ontario organize each weekend of ice races at the Minden Fairgrounds. Some of these clubs include the British Automobile Racing Club and Peterborough Motorsports Club.

"Every club that organized this year lost money," says Prentice.

The ice races are organized by the Kin Club of Minden. Creating the ice races is an act of community service and one that fuels the local economy. The ice races are something that Minden Kin Club has won an award for, says Prentice. Not only do the ice races draw crowds in the winter, but the drivers that are participating in the races stay at local accommodations.

"It's a nice thing to entice people into town," says Prentice.

Despite less drivers and uncooperative ice, there was not a noticeable difference in the crowd.

"It was pretty close to being average," says Prentice. He says that with the number of drivers being down, their families and friends that typically come to watch in the crowd were not there.

A majority of the racers are out of towners who bring families and friends that will also stay in the area. Racers primarily come from the Toronto area, but others come from Peterborough, Oshawa, Sharbot Lake, and Lindsay. Prentice estimates 98 per cent of drivers are from out. All of these people visiting Minden injects money into the local economy.

While the season is just ending, Prentice is already looking forward to next year's ice racing season.

"The biggest misconception is that they're just a bunch of guys goofing around. It is highly organized," says Prentice.

You need a special driver's permit, membership to the club, tires, medics on stand by, and official scorekeepers, says Prentice. Every car has to use specific tires and adhere to the rules for ice racing vehicles assigned by the CASC.

Rookies that begin racing for the ice races must do training and put a sticker on their vehicle warning other drivers, says Prentice.

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> — TOM PRENTICE, KIN CLUB LIFETIME MEMBER

For the past two years, the Lions Club has been helping the ice races through selling food and drinks. Lion Club was brought in due to a lack of volunteers with the Kin Club.

While this year had less racers, race fans from all over await for 2024's ice racing season in Minden.

Without Tom Prentice and the Minden Kin Club, the event would not be possible, says the CASC.

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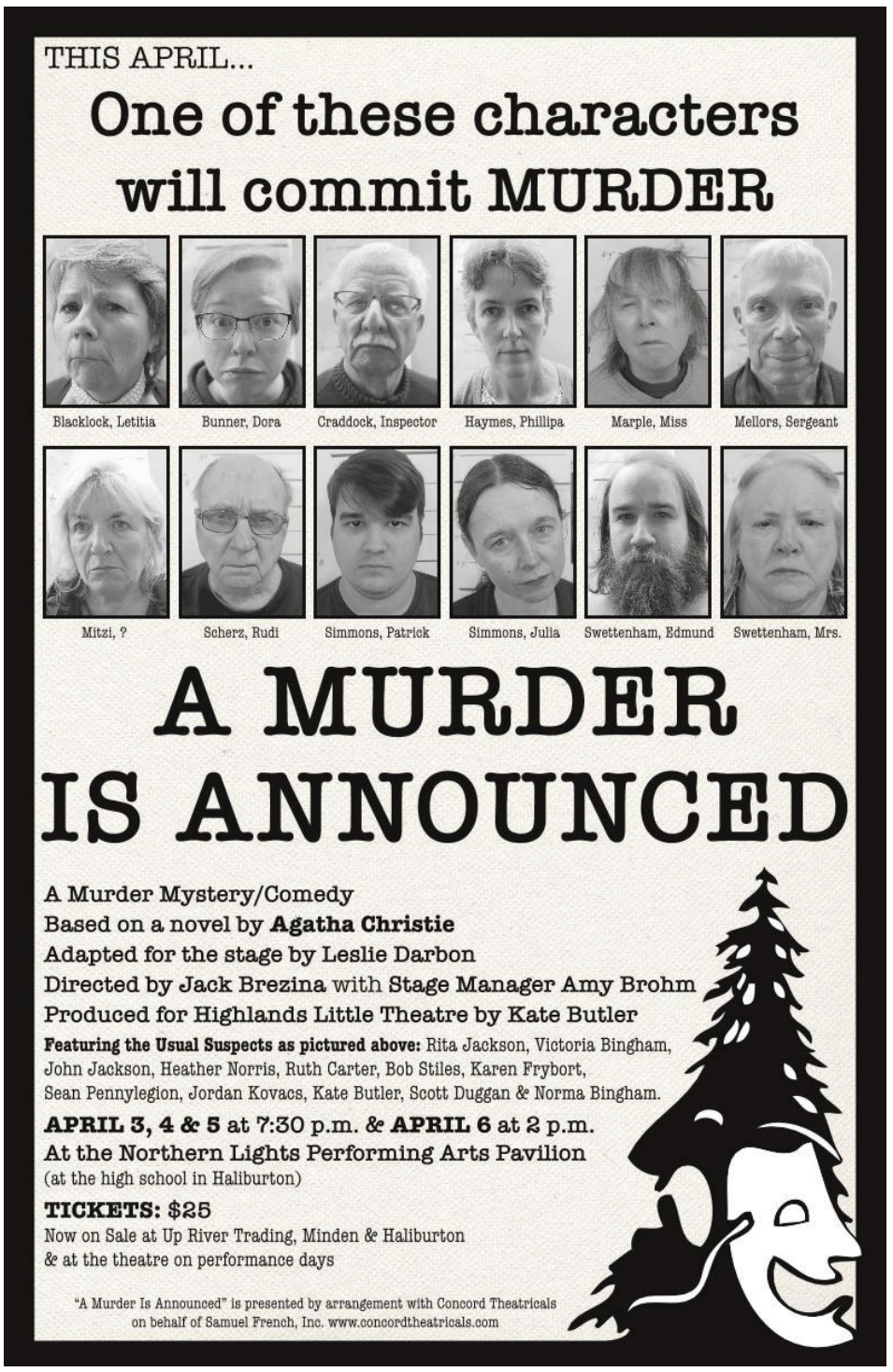
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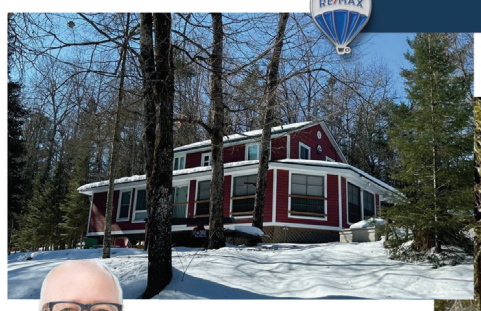

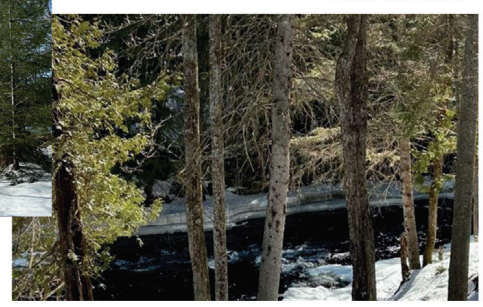

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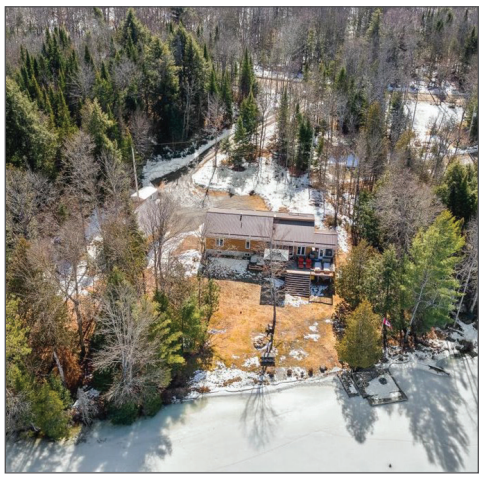

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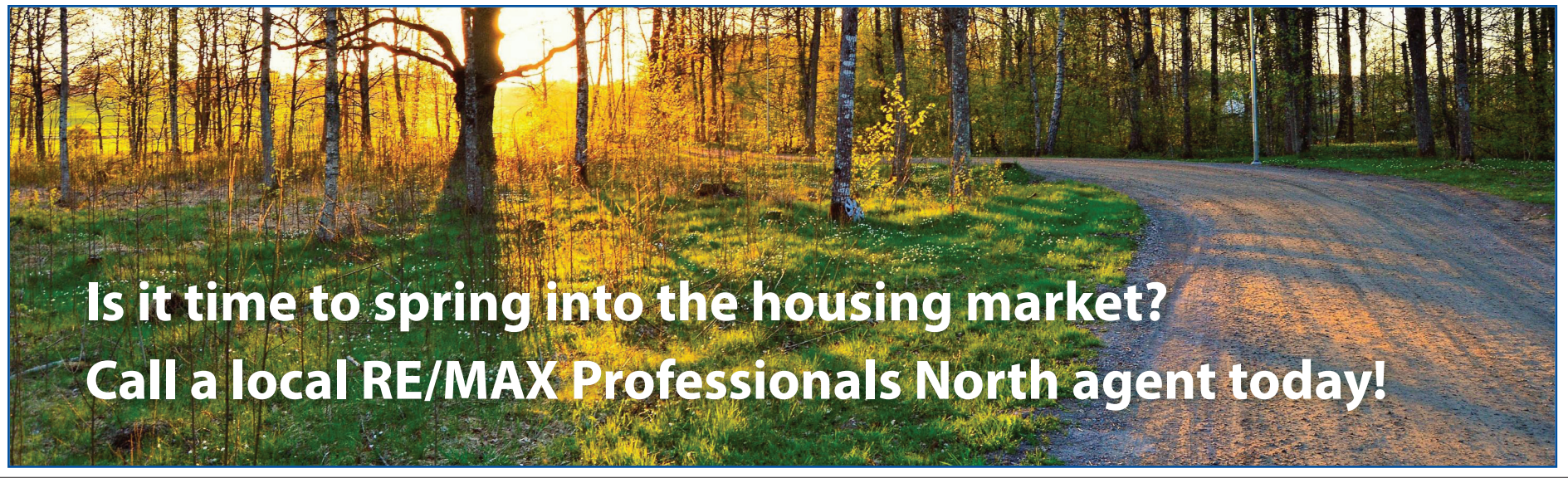
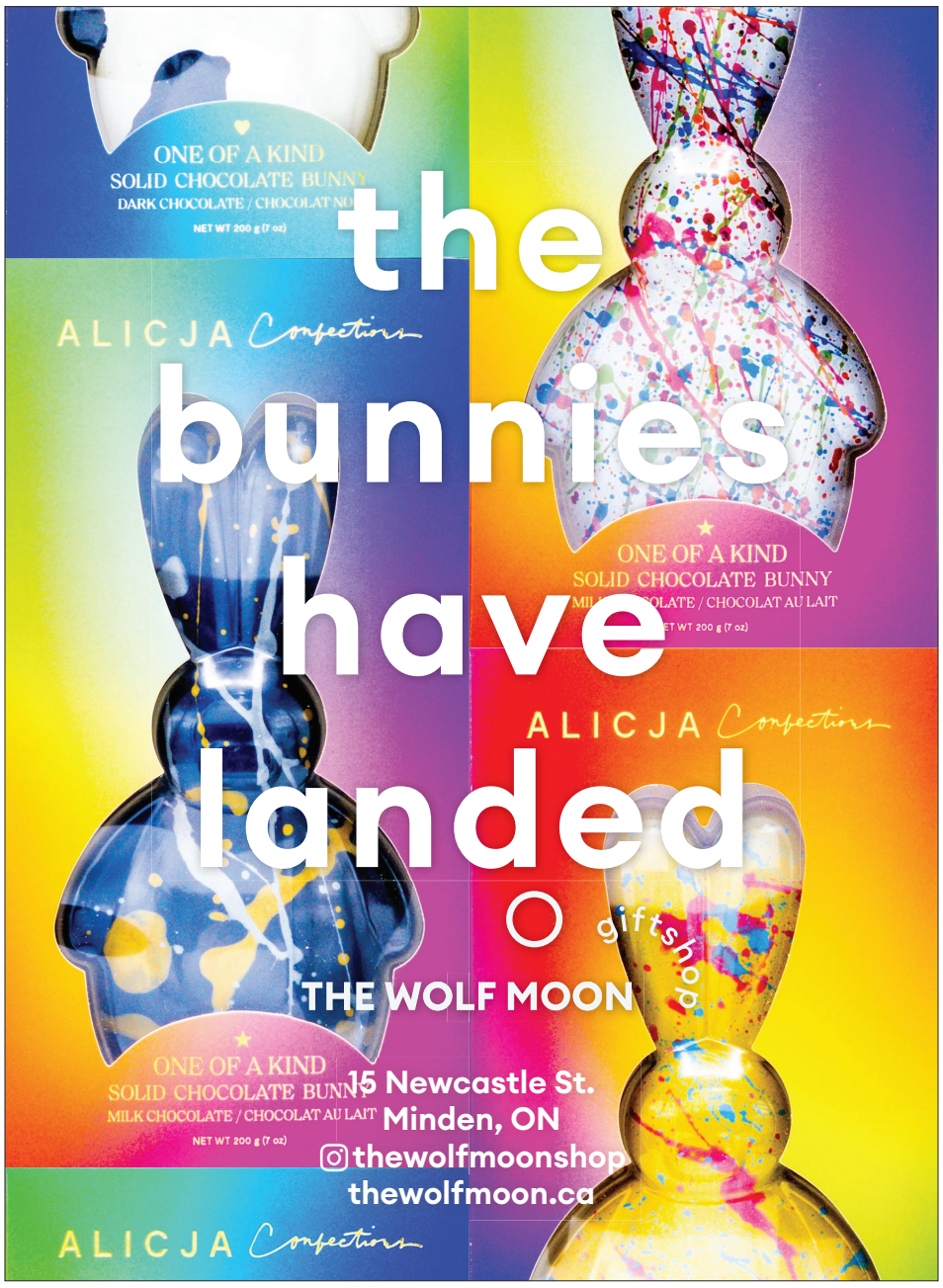


Magic moments

Two time world champion magician Eric Leclerc points to the camera during his show for March's Razzamataz show at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Mar. 24. Leclerc invited guests to come up and participate in some of his tricks. /TIM YANO Special to County Life



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A chipmunk clings to a log. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

Sun and moon show at Dark Lake, Wilberforce. /Submitted by Vivien Mausz

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

On Death and Dying

When: Mar. 27, 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church. 617 Mountain Street
Please join us for a presentation, On Death and Dying, with Beth Archibald, Palliative Care Specialist at HHHS. Topics will include advance care directives, end of life decisions, and palliative care. Admission is free.

Wilberforce Maple Syrup Festival

When: Mar. 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre, 2249 Loop Rd
Join us for the Wilberforce Maple Syrup Festival and Bazaar on Saturday March 30th! Free admission. Breakfast available with all you can eat pancakes and sausages- children $4, Adults $8. Also enjoy the bazaar and craft tables, and the Easter Bunny!

Horticultural Trivia

When: Tuesday, April 2, 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St.
Join the Minden & District Horticultural Society where our guest speaker M.J Pilgrim will be reviewing 'Horticultural Trivia.' This will be followed by the monthly society meeting. The associated Youth Garden Club will follow the meeting, running from 4 to 5 p.m. The Youth Garden Club is for children in Gr. 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow.

A Murder Is Announced

When: April 3-6, various times
Where: Northern Lights Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Rd 21
Takes place Apr. 3, 4, 5 at 7:30 p.m.at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the High School in Haliburton, and Apr. 6 at 2 p.m. Presented by Highlands Little Theatre. Tickets available at Up River Trading, Minden & Haliburton. Friends please accept this as the only intimation.

Pancake Breakfast

When: Apr. 6, 8 a.m. to 12 noon
Where: Highland Grove Community Centre
Come join us at the Highland Grove Community Centre, 5373 Loop Road, for a pancake breakfast. Includes pancakes, sausages, bacon, toast, eggs, coffee, and local maple syrup. $12 per adult, $8 per child, and children younger than 5 are free. Proceeds will benefit St John Vianney and mission churches.

Repair Cafe

When: Apr. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: SIRCH Bistro, 49 Maple Ave. Haliburton
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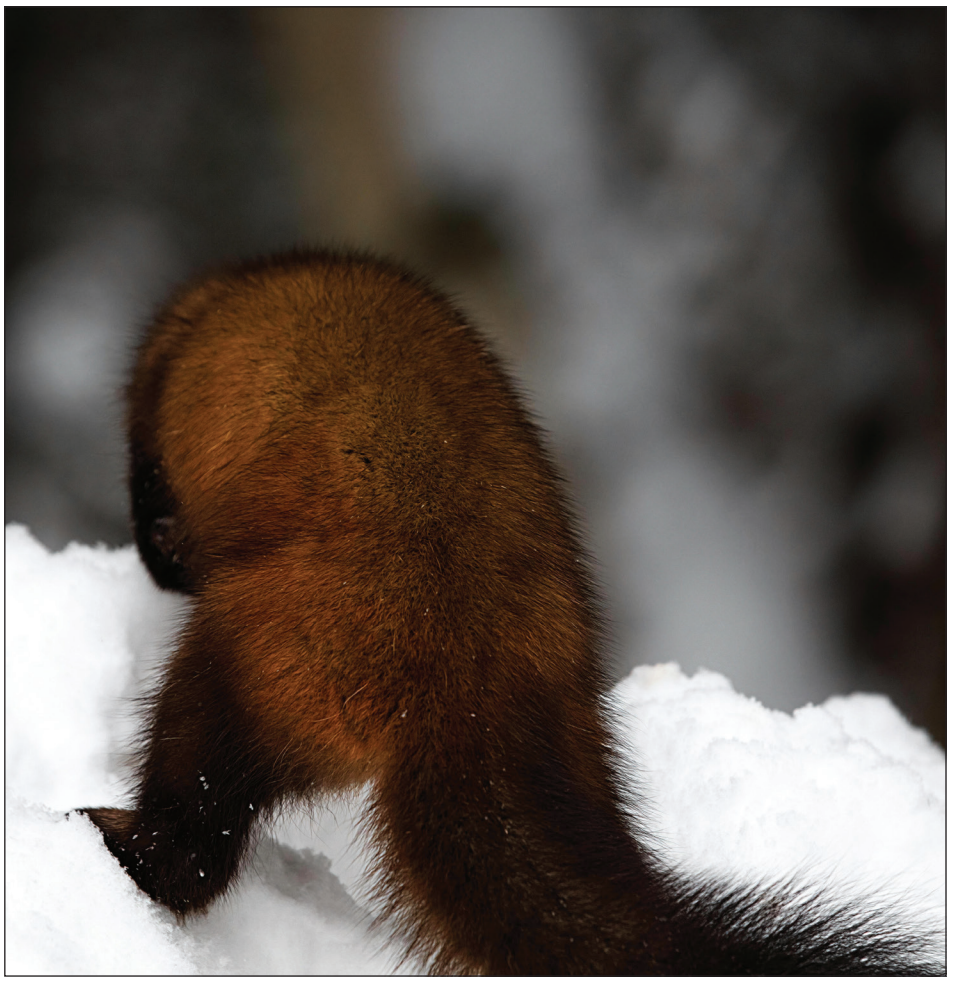
A waterfall in Algonquin Highlands. /Submitted by Tammy Nash



The fluffy tail of a Pine Marten. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
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Branch 636 Minden

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
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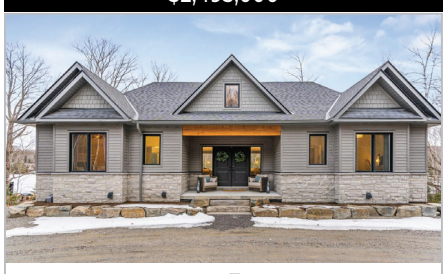

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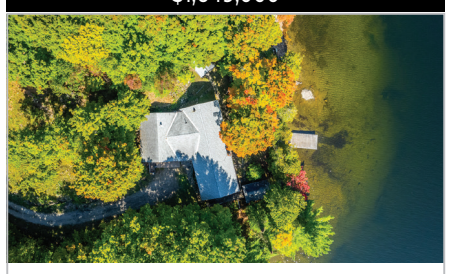

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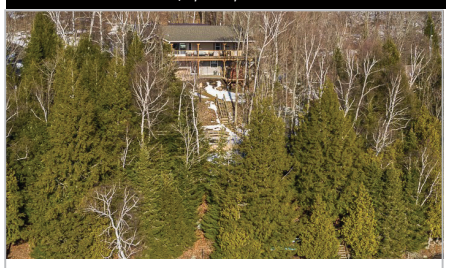

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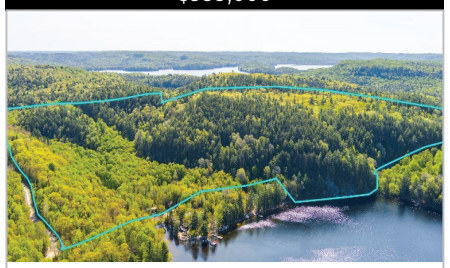

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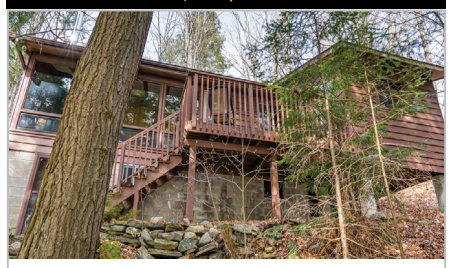

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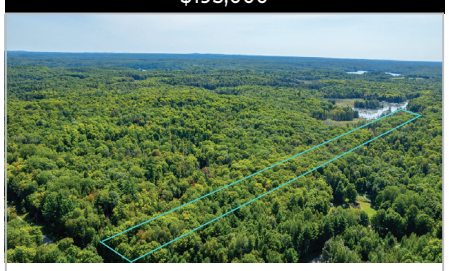

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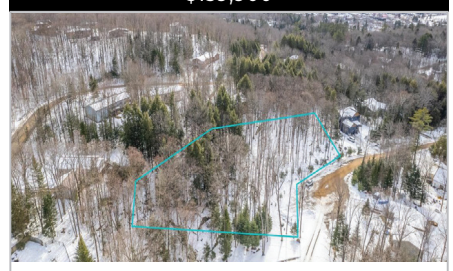

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POLITICS

Highlands East taxes set to rise

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 23 meeting of Highlands East council.

Highlands East CAO/treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig presented council officials with the 2010 preliminary municipal budget to review and process, which estimated the tax rate will need to increase slightly over last year.

Some of the 2009 budget highlights include additional revenues in the amount of $73,672 from supplementary taxes and $61,735 from the sale of roads machinery and gravel pit royalties. Additional revenue was also received from other areas such as building permits and penalty and interest on taxes.

Additional expenditures for the municipality include costs associated with the Ward 3 (Gooderham area) municipal complex, which include $17,860 for mould clean up and $7,327 for renovations to the building department. Other expenditures included covering half of the $25,896 additional costs for Cardiff trails.

See **Budget** *page 4*

TERRANCE GAVAN/Echo

Big air

Boarders and skiers including Drew Van Lieshout finished off the winter season at Sir Sam's Ski Area March 20 with the Big Air event.

A GOLDEN YEAR

How the Atom AE team became champs

JENN WATT

Editor

No one could have predicted from the Highland Storm Atom AE team's humble beginnings that they would have ended up at the minor hockey league finals.

Or that they would have won.

At the start of the season, the AEs had just 10 players, no goalie, coach, manager or trainer.

They managed to pull together the coaching and training staff – parents working dozens of hours a week voluntarily – but two games into the season still didn't have a goaltender.

So the team, composed to 9- and 10-year-olds, asked 7-year-old Jake O'Neill to stand in net.

Then fortunes changed; Dave McKay, Ontario Minor Hockey Association rep, helped the AEs connect with Bancroft goalie Anthony Bertucca.

"We got him starting game three," says Kevin Crofts Sr., hockey dad and avid Storm fan, "and from the first period of that first game, I thought, we've got a goalie!"

See **Team** *page 5*

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